# CBS MEMORANDUM

FROM: Mr. Leonard
TO: MR. SALANT
DATE: July 27, 1970

Bill Small called this morning to say that he had just been visited by Alexander Estafiev, Press Representative at the Soviet Embassy. Mr. Estafiev told him formally that the Soviet Union would consider the broadcast "Voices from the Russian Underground" as an act of hostility on the part of CBS News toward the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union hoped it would not be broadcast and felt that our request for a Cronkite interview with Secretary General Brezhnev, Prime Minister Kosygin, or Foreign Minister Gromyko, and our request for a visa for Joseph Benti would be considered in the light of whether or not this broadcast was withdrawn.

Mr. Small told Mr. Estafiev that under no circumstances would the broadcast be withdrawn.

cc Dr. Stanton; Messrs. Jencks, Manning, Small, Wolff